

**CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
 (for Continuing Applications  
 under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b))

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of pending prior application number 10/183,768,

filed on June 26, 2002 of Thomas Horsky for Electron Impact Ion Source.

1. (X) This is a continuation or divisional application. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed, including specification, claims, drawings, and oath or declaration.

- or -

- ( ) Enclosed is a patent application (for continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part applications) containing:
- ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ pages of the specification (including claims).
- ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ sheets of drawings ( ) Formal ( ) Informal.

2. (X) Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a [X] continuation, [ ] division, [ ] continuation-in-part, of prior application number 10/183,768, filed June 26, 2002, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.-- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under

paragraph 3 below, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application, and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

3. (X) A copy of the executed oath or declaration filed in the prior nonprovisional application is enclosed.
4. ( ) Inventorship:
  - ( ) A newly-executed oath or declaration and power of attorney is enclosed (for continuation-in-part applications, or for continuation or divisional applications naming an inventor not named in the prior application) (§1.63(a), (d)(5) and (e)).
  - ( ) Because this application is being filed by fewer than all of the inventors named in the prior application, delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(1)(2)): \_\_\_\_\_
  - ( ) The names of persons believed to be the actual inventors are set forth in the enclosed unexecuted oath or declaration and power of attorney (§1.41(a) and §1.53(b)).
5. ( ) Assignment(s) of the invention to, \_\_\_\_\_ and cover sheet are enclosed.
  - ( ) A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for recording the assignment(s) is enclosed.
6. (X) The prior application is assigned of record to SemEquip, Inc.
7. (X) Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. §1.28(a)(2)) is claimed.
8. ( ) A 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) statement is enclosed (where an assignee seeks to take action in a matter before the Patent Office).
9. ( ) A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
10. (X) Drawings:
  - ( ) Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May be used only if signed by person authorized by §1.138 and before payment of base issue fee.)
  - (X) New formal drawings are enclosed.
  - ( ) Informal drawings are enclosed.
11. ( ) A separate written request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), which is a general authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R.

§1.136(a) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, is enclosed.

12. (X) An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

(X) A Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

(X) 2 References (copies) other than the U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications listed on the Form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

13. ( ) A MicroFiche Computer Program (Appendix) is enclosed.

14. (X) A Return Receipt Postcard is enclosed (MPEP §503).

15. ( ) A Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission is enclosed.

( ) A Computer Readable Copy is enclosed.

( ) A Paper Copy (Identical to Computer Copy) is enclosed.

( ) A Statement Verifying Identity of above Copies is enclosed.

16. ( ) Priority of application number \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

( ) The certified copy of the priority document has been filed in prior application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.

17. (X) Power of Attorney:

(X) The power of attorney in the prior application is to:  
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(X) The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

( ) Since the power does not appear in the original papers in the prior application, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

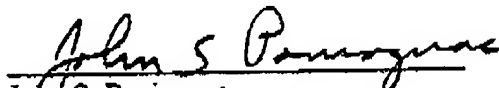
18. (X) Cancel in this application original claims 4-9 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

24. (X) Address all future communications to:

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